

EXTRA UNDER WALLS AND WATER.

Fifteen Men Knocked Overboard at a Fire in Brooklyn.

ARNOTT'S STORES ALL ABLAZE.

Firemen Leaped into the Water to Avoid a Falling Wall of Stone.

BELIEF THAT NONE WAS KILLED.

Names of Some of the Injured Men—Fire Loss Half a Million.

A fire that may cause nearly half a million dollars' damage and possible loss of life broke out shortly after 9 o'clock this forenoon in David F. Arnott's cotton warehouse at the foot of Twenty-seventh street, South Brooklyn.

Fifteen men are said to have jumped or to have been knocked from the pier adjacent to the building into the bay by the falling of a wall, but while several were injured so far as can be ascertained no one was killed.

Among the injured are:

Fire Chief Meyers, jumped into water; slightly hurt; slightly bruised.

HUGH LAFRATTE, twenty-five years old, of 609 Court street, Brooklyn, fireman of Engine Company 28; knocked from string-piece by falling stone; spine and right hip badly injured; taken in ambulance to hospital.

DISTRICT ENGINEER DOWLE, knocked overboard; slightly bruised; sent home.

MATTHEW POEY, foreman of Engine Company 28, knocked overboard; slightly bruised.

JOHN MACGILLIVRAY, of Engine Company 20, of Tillary and Johnson streets knocked overboard; badly bruised; sent home.

MINORS.

WILLIAM, a citizen.

TWO MEN UNKNOWN.

Three alarms and a special building call were sent in for the fire.

It took some little time for the firemen to reach the scene, and when they did so they found one of three buildings comprising the stores in flames.

While the firemen were at work the walls of Store No. 1, which was a three-story building, collapsed, knocking several of the firemen in the water.

Their comrades abandoned for the time the work of fighting fire and set to work to rescue the men.

Supt. Campbell, of the Brooklyn police, was notified by telephone of the accident, and he at once ordered all the police reserves in the city to the scene.

Calls were also sent to the various hospitals for ambulances, and half a dozen of them were soon on their way to the scene of the disaster.

The police reserves were in charge of Inspector McKellar, and they assisted in the work of rescue.

The fire originated in Store No. 1, which was filled with cotton and jute.

The building adjoins the pier, and when the fire broke out the jute was piled up against the side of the building.

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REILLY HELD FOR ASSAULT.

The Gang's Leader May Get Ten Years in Sing Sing.

Policeman Rickman's Story of the Attempt to Kill Him.

Thomas Reilly's leadership of that band of desperate young toughs known to the police as the Oak and James gang was of short duration. It was only Thursday that he was promoted to that position, and to-day he is confined in the Tombs prison with violations before him of striped uniforms, iron bars and a long sequestration in Sing Sing.

In the Tombs Court today Justice Grady held Reilly for trial on the charge of assault in the first degree, the maximum penalty for which is ten years and the minimum five.

The complainant was Policeman Otto Rickman, of the Oak station, who alleged in his affidavit that the prisoner had attempted to shoot him in an endeavor to escape arrest.

The policeman's story was to the effect that last night about 10 o'clock, Reilly and several others of his gang were obstructing the sidewalk at the corner of Oak and James street, and acting in a boisterous and unruly manner.

All but Reilly moved on at the officer's command. Reilly, however, uttered an oath and declared he would not stir, but when the officer reached for him he took to his heels.

Rickman pursued and ran the young fellow into the hallway of 31 Oak street. In the scuffle that ensued the policeman was struck on the head by a brick which was thrown by one of the gang.

Quick as a flash Rickman drew his revolver and fired. The bullet entered Reilly's open mouth and came out of the cheek. Had the bullet struck a bone Reilly would have been instantly killed.

Dr. Stern, of Chambers Street Hospital, dressed his wound, and the prisoner was kept at the Oak street station all night.

Reilly was taken to the Tombs today and said that Reilly was a powerful man and that the struggle was desperate. He realized that it was his life for life, and used his revolver only as a last resort.

Complaints from merchants and respectable residents of the neighborhood have been made to the police, and the police have been instructed to break up the gang, and according to the police, the gang has been broken up.

The characters comprising the gang are of the very toughest type. They are known by such epithets as "River Rat," "Greasy Kid," "The Bunch," and others of a like nature, calculated to convey an idea of the character of the individual.

Reilly, though of no considerable consequence, has been prominent at all hours of the day and night by members of the gang, and the police have been gradually finding their way into the territory of the gang.

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EAGER SIGHTSEERS STARE.

Merchants' Bank Building Has Not Noticeably Settled Deeper.

The Building Listed Five Inches—Chimneys Twisted and Ruined.

The story printed exclusively in The Evening World yesterday caused hundreds of people to halt opposite 227 Broadway this morning and stare with interest at the listed bank building.



THE BUILDING NO. 227 BROADWAY.

(Black line between the buildings shows how the building has settled away.)

Those who's pursuits lead them in other directions will get a good idea of the situation from the accompanying cut.

The Home Life Insurance people, when called upon in their office in the Pulitzer Building yesterday referred the reporter to George B. Reed, of 6 Pine street, who has charge of the construction of their new building.

The new building is being erected on the site of the old building, and the construction is being carried out by the Home Life Insurance people.

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M'GUIRE TO DIE MONDAY.

Eighth Execution by Electricity in Sing Sing.

The Murder of Aged Mrs. Gregory to Be Avenged.

SING SING, N. Y., Dec. 17.—The eighth execution by electricity in the State prison here will take place Monday forenoon.

The invitations to the witnesses who have been asked by Warden Brown to be present at the legal killing of Fred McGuire request their presence at the prison not later than 10 A. M. on Monday, and it is therefore probable that the execution will take place between that hour and 11 o'clock.

McGuire is resigned to his fate, and it is expected that he will walk to the chair of death with fortitude. He has been attended by the priest, Chaplain and Rev. D. L. Connelley, of Middletown. They will accompany him to the execution room, and express themselves as confident that he will not cause any trouble.

The condemned man has confessed his crime. Principal Keeper Connaughton, under whose direct charge the criminals are confined in this big prison, says that McGuire has been an excellent prisoner. He makes few requests, which cannot readily be complied with, and has been remarkable for his quiet demeanor.

His crime was a most brutal one, with robbery as the motive, but solitary confinement in the condemned cell has softened his character and his keepers have only good words to say of him.

The preparations for the execution have been completed. There has never been a hitch at an electrical killing here, owing to the foresight and careful planning of Warden Brown, who has demonstrated that the electrical method of inflicting the death penalty is less horrifying and more business than hanging.

Owing to this fact, the appearance of excitement about the prison which marked the preparations for the first killing is absent today, and the casual visitor would not be aware that such a gruesome execution of a man is to occur Monday.

The last killing was the execution of a man named John J. McGee, who was executed on March 28. He was present at the chair by Charles McElvaine, who followed him to the chair. McGee was a man of about thirty years of age, and was a native of Ireland.

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GROVER TO RIDE THE GOAT.

His Proposed Initiation to the Sigma Chi Fraternity.

An Impressive Event for an Ancient Greek Letter Society.

Sigma Chi, the well-known college fraternity, has captured President-elect Cleveland, and is preparing to initiate him into the mysteries of the order within the next two weeks.

Mr. Cleveland received his election to Sigma Chi after his visit to the University of Michigan last Washington's Birthday, and has accepted. All that now remains to make him a full-fledged member is his initiation.

Chauncey H. Ripley, of this city, who will officiate at the ceremony, declines at present to give the exact date or place of these interesting exercises, but they will take place somewhere in New York City. It is understood that the initiations are already out and that representatives from thirty different States will be present.

The initiation services are said to be of a most impressive nature, and the ritual is carefully guarded, and no one but members having authority about it. The initiation of the President-elect will be the most notable event that has ever occurred in the history of the fraternity, and preparations have been made to make it unusually imposing.

There will be a meeting at the house of Dr. Theodore A. Gessler, 107 East One Hundred Street, this city, on Monday evening, to make the final arrangements for Mr. Cleveland's initiation.

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